

Latvia MoDA Position Description

Applicants must be DoD Civil Service in the GS 13/14/15 pay grades to be eligible

COCOM: EUCOM

Location: Riga, Latvia

Grade: GS-13/14/15

Function: Operational and Strategic Logistics

Clearance: SECRET

Title: Senior Advisor

Tour length: 12 months

Background: Latvia and the United States through the European Reassurance Initiative and other mil-to-mil programs have undertaken greater security cooperation to address mutually supporting security objectives in Eastern Europe. Ongoing security cooperation activities and programs seek to strengthen bilateral cooperation and enhance Latvia's ability to address self-defense initiatives and strengthen its ability to deal with emerging regional security threats. Latvia has strengthened its ground and air forces at the tactical and operational levels, increased defense spending to recommended NATO levels, and embarked on an aggressive program of cooperation with several international security partners. The increased operational tempo and reform efforts require an effective and efficient logistics system that is responsive to routine operational issues as well as support to global coalition efforts and emerging regional threats. The Latvian MOD requests a DoD logistics technical expert to assist the Latvian MOD and Latvian National Armed Forces (LNAF) Joint Headquarters J4 to enhance logistics capabilities in the areas of supply chain management, life cycle management, fuel supply management, new equipment requirements analysis, and procurement. Identifying logistics and procurement shortfalls to tailor future U.S. defense institution building engagements (e.g. State Partnership Program and the Defense Institution Reform Initiative) that will strengthen Latvian operations, interoperability with international partners, and support to NATO allies.

Required Knowledge, Skills and Experience:

- Experience as a multi-skilled DoD civilian logistician, preferably with a technical or management degree, who has experience at the service level in identifying and resourcing logistics requirements, crafting and implementing service-wide policy, managing logistics operations from various organizational levels, and restructuring medium and small-scale logistics organizations for efficiency.
- Knowledge of a wide variety of logistics support activities including: equipment requirements determination; supply support systems, equipment life cycle management, fuel supply management, transportation, maintenance, and other logistics support activities.
- Minimum 10 years of experience with service level U.S. Army or U.S. Marine Corps strategic and operational level ground logistics planning and requirements driven processes.
- Skills in analyzing, evaluating, and interpreting logistics readiness factors, and formulating procedural solutions to logistics readiness problems.
- Knowledgeable in Reception, Staging, Onward Movement, and Integration (RSOI) doctrine, policy, and procedures.
- Knowledgeable of depot or materiel management center operations.
- Demonstrated communication skills and the ability to work collaboratively with counterparts to help them achieve goals through the provision of quality advice, support, and mentoring.

- Proven self-starter with proven success record working independently at various organizational levels and with service level executives/managers/leaders/staffs from multiple functional areas.
- Proven success in individual and organizational capacity building and aptitude to share knowledge, mentor and coach others.
- Demonstrated ability to work in an environment with limited resources and to apply innovative and creative solutions to resolve problems
- Demonstrated creative problem solving skills and the ability to work independently or as part of a team.
- Exceptional interpersonal and communication skills and the ability to work collaboratively with counterparts to achieve goals through the provision of quality advice, support, and mentoring.

Desired Knowledge, Skills and Experience:

- Familiarity with U.S. security cooperation programs and NATO logistics policies and practices desirable.
- Some knowledge of NATO-interoperable systems and experience with NATO operations/interoperability requirements is desired.
- Strong interest in learning a foreign language (Latvian) and ability to adapt to a diverse cultural environment.

Specific Tasks:

- Provide technical expertise to MOD and Joint Headquarters counterparts in the performance of logistics management as it relates to the employment and support of the LNAF.
- Provides analysis and recommendations for improvements or modifications to better streamline logistics functions and operations.
- Assist the MOD and Joint Headquarters J4 with identified reform implementation efforts.

Additional Requirements:

- Incumbent must be able to obtain and maintain a SECRET security clearance.
- Incumbent must be available for detail from their home organization for a period of 15 months to include training, preparation and a 12 month deployment.

Interested applicants should submit the following:

1. Cover letter
2. Resume
3. Current SF-50 (redacted, no SSN)

HOW TO APPLY: Submit application package to the MoDA Program Office email address: dsca.ncr.bpc.list.moda@mail.mil

Applications are due NLT 11 July 2016. Competitive applicants will be contacted for a telephone interview. Throughout the process, reference and background checks will be completed.